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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for generating a network of direct and indirect interaction partners of a disease-related (poly)peptide comprising the steps of (a) contacting a selection of (poly)peptides suspected to contain one or several of said direct or indirect interaction partners with said disease-related (poly)peptides and optionally with known direct or indirect interaction partners of said diseaserelated (poly)peptide under conditions that allow the interaction between interaction partners to occur; (b) detecting (poly)peptides that interact with said disease-related (poly)peptide or with said known direct or indirect interaction partners of said disease-related (poly) peptide; (c) contacting (poly)peptides detected in step (b) with a selection of (poly) peptides suspected to contain one or several (poly)peptides interacting with said (poly)peptides detected in step (b) under conditions that allow the interaction between interaction partners to occur; (d) detecting proteins that interact with said (poly) peptides detected in step (b); (e) contacting said disease related (poly)peptide and optionally said known direct or indirect interaction partners of said disease-related (poly)peptide, said (poly)peptides detected in steps (b) and (d) and a selection of proteins suspected to contain one or several (poly)peptides interacting with any of the afore mentioned (poly)peptides under conditions that allow the interaction between interaction partners to occur; (f) detecting (poly)peptides that interact with said disease-related (poly)peptide and optionally said known direct or indirect interaction partners of said disease-related (poly)peptide or with said (poly)peptides identified in step (b) or (d); and (g) generating a (poly)peptide(poly)peptide interaction network of said disease-related (poly)peptide and optionally said known direct or indirect interaction partners of said disease-related (poly)peptide and said (poly)peptides identified in steps (b), (d) and (f). Moreover, the present invention relates to a protein complex comprising at least two proteins and to methods for identifying compounds interfering with an interaction of said proteins. Finally, the present invention relates to a pharmaceutical composition and to the use of compounds identified by the present invention for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of Huntington's disease.

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